

Traverse of Election

While the Office gives no specific grounds for requiring election, Applicant assumes the election is required to ease the search process for the Office. “If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent distinct inventions.” MPEP 803. In this case, Applicant submits that claim 30 succinctly recites the moieties capable of being glycosylated and, further, Applicant has described a test for their identification. As originally elected, the species recited non-ribosomal peptides, which provides a succinct definition of some moieties capable of being glycosylated. Thus, no serious burden is placed on the Office in searching the recited species and the election of species should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests same.

CONCLUSIONS

The election having been made, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims 27, 28 and 30-32 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application. The Office is further authorized to charge the processing fee or any other surcharges, or underpayment, including extension of time, as deemed necessary and appropriate to the Deposit Account 07-1509 of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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